



Update Friday 6th November 2020
Head Teacher Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another interesting half-term –let's see what this one brings! I'm pleased to report that the children have all come back to school happy and eager to learn. A warm welcome to the new children (and their families) who have joined us in Years 6, 5, 1 and Nursery –we hope you'll be very happy here.



Changes in Government Guidance:

With the start of another Lockdown a few things to consider:

- Please only send one adult to pick up your child/children and stay in your household 'bubbles'. I'm afraid playdates are currently 'off the agenda'.
- Do not come into the school foyer without an appointment.
- Do keep wearing masks in the playground, your support is much appreciated.

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Celebration Assembly:

Today we celebrated our Special Achievers and our fantastic cyclists – their attitude and enthusiasm during this week's cycling proficiency has been a delight to witness.



Congratulations also to Daisy who has progressed to train with Bucks County Cricket Club on their winter programme.

Lunchtime clubs:

The lovely teaching staff have organised a range of lunchtime clubs which start next week. There's no need to sign up, class teachers will organise this within school.

Watford Football Club:



Following our fantastic workshop about race and diversity Watford, Football Club have offered to come into school and deliver a six week PHSE programme with the children in Year 5 – for free!

Wonderful Watford !

School Council News:

Today the School Council have introduced themselves to the whole school via 'Zoom' and are busy delivering poppies prior to our Remembrance Service on Wednesday. They will hold their first 'formal' meeting with Mrs Bates next week.

Photo Competition:

Competition time!

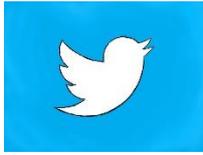
Calling all budding photographers. We are looking to capture some of the most beautiful views of our school and the surrounding areas for our website. We are especially interested in photos of the school building and grounds, the church, canal and local wildlife.

Anyone can enter: pupils, family members, friends or local residents.

Photos should be submitted to our Twitter page @StMarys916 by the 1st December. The best entries will be used on our school website and the overall winner will receive a £20 Amazon voucher!

Photos should contain scenery only, please do not submit photos containing people.

Social media



Follow us on Twitter (StMarys916) and check our class webpage for updates about what we have been up to in class.

Christmas tree decorations

Your amazing School Association has agreed to provide us with a Christmas tree and on Friday 27th November we will be holding our annual 'Christmas Decoration Day'. Children can wear 'Christmassy' clothes and it would be lovely if each child could bring in a decoration from home to hang on the tree. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

The School Association is fantastic, providing both resources for school but also exciting activities for your children. What's more, it's a great way to get involved with the school community. For more details contact Mrs Keenaghan-Clark via the school office.

Next event: Break the Rules Day – Friday 20th November.

Word of the week:

Remembrance: *the action of remembering the dead.*

The children have been making poppies and many of you will have seen the lovely display we created for the Royal British Legion.

On Wednesday we will be holding an outdoor Remembrance ceremony within our class bubbles.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Osborne and the staff team.